

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

AKHVERDIAN et al.
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For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING L-
THREONINE USING BACTERIA
BELONGING TO THE GENUS
ESCHERICHIA

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 18, 2007, which set a 3-month shortened statutory period for response thereto, please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 5.